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SUBJECT: Release From Active Duty

TO : Commanding Officer  
8751 Army Area Unit

1. The undersigned, Lucien E. Conein, Major Infantry, O-1322769, hereby requests release from active duty under the provisions Paragraph 3, SR 135-174-4, dated 19 February 1951, in order to accept appointment as a staff employee of the Central Intelligence Agency.

2. For security reasons of the Central Intelligence Agency undersigned is unable to comply with the provisions of subparagraph b of paragraph 3, SR 135-175-4, which requests the inclusion of such information as: name of firm, products manufactured, title and description of post, etc., pertaining to a normal release from active duty.

LUCIEN E. CONEIN  
Major Infantry

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1. We strongly indorse Major Conein's request for release from active duty with the Army and for the following reasons: Major Conein has been on continuous duty with American Intelligence since November 1943. In terms of time alone, this is a record that can hardly be duplicated in the organization and the problem of finding a replacement for him and his experience can well be understood. Major Conein's intelligence career embraces the following variety of assignments, training and experience:

a. Wartime resistance operations, including training in industrial sabotage, cryptography, agent recruiting, parachute and reception committee operations, etc. This culminated in an operational drop into France in 1944.

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b. Following his return to Washington, Major Conein's experience in France was virtually duplicated in the Far East in 1945.

c. Since 1946 subject has been stationed in Germany with a variety of duties including disposal and resettlement, agent escort officer, and executive officer of an operational base.

2. If Major Conein remains with this organization, he will have an important assignment which will make maximum use of his varied and lengthy experience in intelligence matters.

3. It is particularly requested that Major Conein's release from the Army be expedited.

JOHN A. BROSS  
Chief, EE

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Major Conein's request for relief from active duty is not in accord with the policy of CIA regarding sponsoring requests for separation of military personnel. Relief from active duty for the sole purpose of accepting employment in civilian status places CIA in a position of using the military establishment as a source of civilian personnel. This policy does not preclude employment of military personnel who are relieved from active duty for causes not connected with CIA, such as termination of category, hardship, or physical reasons.

Colonel                      USAF  
Chief, Military Personnel Division

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